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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION MENTIONED REFTEL WHICH CHILEAN DELEGATION IS CONSIDERING TABLING IN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN EFFORT TO COUNTER ANTI-CHILE RESOLUTION CABLED REFTEL.

QUOTE THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

COGNIZANT OF THE WIDE-WORLD COMMOTION ELICITED BY THE HUMILIATING AND DISGRACEFUL TREATMENT TO WHICH THE EMINENT WRITER ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN HAS BEEN SUBJECT IN HIS OWN NATIVE COUNTRY, AFTER HAVING BEEN ARRESTED, DISPOSSESSED OF HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS, DEPRIVED OF HIS NATIONALITY AND EXILED WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNICATING WITH HIS FAMILY OR KNOWING IN ADVANCE HIS OWN POINT OF DESTINATION, ALL THE AFOREMENTIONED MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY
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ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES, WITH NO PRIOR FORMAL TRIAL, NO RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE, NO COURT SENTENCE

PASSED AGAINST HIM AND, CONSEQUENTLY, NO OPTION OPEN FOR HIM TO HAVE THE CASE REVIEWED BY A HIGHER COURT;

CONSIDERING THAT THIS ARRAY OF CIRCUMSTANCES CONSTITUTE GRAVE AND OUTRAGEOUS VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 10; 12, NUMBER 4; 14, NUMBERS 3 AND 5; AND 19, NUMBERS 1 AND 2, OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT OF CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS WHICH THE SOVIET UNION HAS RATIFIED;

DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE FACT THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AGAINST SOLZHENITSYN SOLELY ON ACCOUNT OF HIS HAVING CHARGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTED YEARS AGO IN HIS HOME LAND AND APPARENTLY STILL BEING COMMITTED, A RIGHT TO WHICH HE WAS ENTITLED WITHOUT ANYONE INTERFERING HIS FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AS SAFEGUARD BY ARTICLE 19 OF SAID COVENANT;

ALARMED AT THE NEWS THAT THE POET YEVGNEY YEVTUSHENKO HAS OSTENSIBLY BEEN SUBJECT TO UNLAWFUL PRESSURES ON THE PART OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES, WITH THE AVOWED PURPOSE, NOT ONLY OF HAVING HIM RETRACT FROM THE PREOCCUPATION HE EXPRESSED REGARDING THE HUMILIATING PUNISHMENT ACCORDED SOLZHENITSYN, BUT ALSO TO ACCUSE HIM PUBLICLY, WHICH IN TURN CONSTITUTES A CHALLENGE BOTH TO THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION EMBODIED IN ARTICLES 18 AND 19 OF SAID COVENANT, AS MUCH AS A CLEAR-CUT PROOF THAT THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUES TO PRACTICE A POLICY OF REPRESSION AND INTIMIDATION VIS-A-VIS THOSE WHO DISSENT FROM OFFICIAL POLICIES;

STRENGTHENED IN ITS CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION OF OTHER DISTINGUISHED LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC FIGURES OF THE SOVIET UNION, SUCH AS ANDREI ZHAJAROV AND ROI MENDEYEV, WHO HAVE ALSO MADE GRAVE CHARGES RELATING TO THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH ACCUSATIONS HAVE ALREADY PROVOKED SIMILAR PRESSURES AND MAY BRING ABOUT LIKE PUNISHMENT AGAINST THEM.

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CONVINCED THAT IT IS THE COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS' PRINCIPAL DUTY TO INVESTIGATE ANY GRAVE CHARGES INVOLVING VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WORLD, IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT AN END TO SUCH VIOLATIONS,

1. REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION TO APPOINT A GROUP CHARGED WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

2. DECIDES THAT SAID GROUP MUST SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE

COMMISSION AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

3. ASKS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S.S.R. TO COOPERATE
WITH THE GROUP AND ACCORD IT ALL NECESSARY FACILITIES IN
ORDER THAT IT MAY BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE. UNQUOTE
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